

3-19-1951

Evangelical Visitor - March 19, 1951 Vol. LXIV. No. 6.

J.N. Hostetter

Follow this and additional works at: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor>Part of the [History of Religion Commons](#), and the [Religion Commons](#)Permanent URL: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor/1574>**Recommended Citation**Hostetter, J.N., "Evangelical Visitor - March 19, 1951 Vol. LXIV. No. 6." (1951). *Evangelical Visitor (1887-1999)*. 1574.<https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor/1574>**Sharpening Intellect | Deepening Christian Faith | Inspiring Action**

Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

EVANGELICAL

Visitor

Volume LXIV

March 19, 1951

Number 6

I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I
am alive for evermore. Amen.

Mary to the Saviour's tomb
Hasted at the early dawn;
Spice she brought and sweet perfume,
But the Lord she loved had gone.

For a while she ling'ring stood,
Filled with sorrow and surprise;
Trembling while a crystal flood
Issued from her weeping eyes.

But her sorrows quickly fled,
When she heard His welcome voice:
Christ has risen from the dead;
Now He bids her heart rejoice;

What a change His word can make,
Turning darkness into day,
Ye who weep for Jesus' sake,
He will wipe your tears away.

—Newton.



Alleluia Songs

David Mohler

*The Alleluia chorus,
Song of the heavenly host;
Who praise the heavenly Father,
Blest Son and Holy Ghost;
They sing those sacred anthems,
Their voices loud they raise;
Unheard by ear of mortals—
That strain of love and praise.*

*The Alleluia song was new,
And ever new remains;
For thou hast washed us by thy blood,
And cleansed us from our stains;
From every kindred of the earth,
And every human tongue;
By all the host of the redeemed,
That hymn of praise is sung.*

*Alleluia, yet again
We hear the glad acclaim;
For thou hast made us kings and priests,
Most holy is thy name;
Ten thousand thousands still repeat
Their praises to the Lamb;
The many angels round the throne
Bow to the great I AM.*

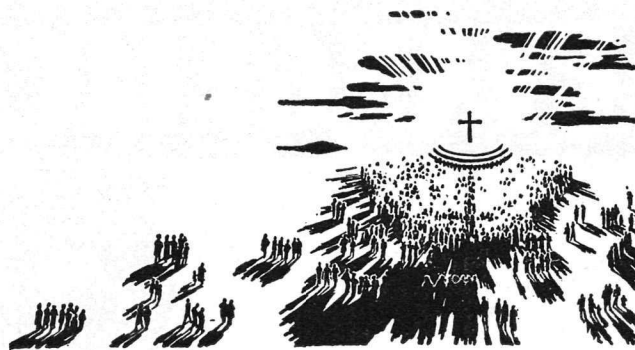
*Alleluia, hear the singing
Of the thousand forty-four;
And to this the added number
Of a hundred thousand more;
See the Lamb before them standing,
Clothed in vesture pure and white;
He inspires this chosen number
To continue day and night.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
Well may they declare His fame;
Praises be to the Redeemer,
Praises to His holy name;
Innocence had been their standard,
Free from falsehood and from guile;
In their song there is no discord—
Singing 'neath the Father's smile.*

*Alleluia, hark what music
Rises from the harps of gold;
See the leader! Can we name him?
He who played the harp of old;
This is but our inward musing,
But no guessing need remain;
He who's meet for adoration,
Is the Lamb for sinners slain.*

*Alleluia, hear the Victor,
When the smoke of torment rose;
He has nobly fought and conquered,
Triumphed over all His foes;
Finished is the age-long battle,
All regained which Eden lost;
How the crown of gold becomes Him;
Who came down to pay the cost!*

*Alleluia, lift the curtain,
There behold the wedding guests;
See the bride beside the Bridegroom,
There His benediction rests;
Clothed in linen, clean and spotless,
Those redeemed of earthly men;
Hear them singing, Alleluia,
And the glad response, AMEN!*



Evangelical Visitor

Official organ of the Brethren in Christ church, published bi-weekly by the E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana.

J. N. Hostetter, Editor, Clarence Center, N. Y., to whom all material for publication should be sent.

Associate Editors: E. J. Swalm, Duntroon, Ontario; J. G. Kuhns, Grantham, Pa.; J. F. Lady, Upland, California.

Ray M. Zercher, Compiling Editor.

Contributors: Edward Gilmore, Lowbanks, Ont.; Luke Keefer, Millersburg, Pa.; Samuel Lady, Dallas Center, Iowa; C. Ray Heisey, Upland, Calif.; Ohmer U. Herr, Clayton, Ohio; and Avery Musser, Shippensburg, Pa.

Foreign Missionary Correspondents: On furlough: W. O. Winger; for Africa, N. Rhodesia, Verna Ginder; S. Rhodesia, Fannie Longenecker; for India, Shirley Bitner.

Brethren in Christ Publication Board, Inc., Laban W. Wingert, Albert Cober, Samuel F. Wolgemuth, Dale Dohner, Charles E. Clouse, Samuel F. Minter and Elmer L. Steckley.

PURPOSE: To publish the Gospel of God's grace—a complete salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ the Son of God, made effectual by faith in Him; the walk in holiness by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and the pre-millennial second coming of our Lord.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$2.50 per year payable in advance, \$1.25 for six months, sample copies free.

New Subscriptions \$2.00 per year; Gift Subscriptions \$2.00 per year.

When subscriptions are sent in clubs of ten or more, at the regular rate, one yearly subscription is given free.

Canadian Subscriptions no additional.

Send all subscriptions to: **Evangelical Visitor, E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Ind.**

THE MAILING LABEL INDICATES EXPIRATION DATE: All subscriptions three months in arrears will be discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Be sure to give both the old and new addresses.

Entered as second-class matter, at the post office at Nappanee, Indiana, under Act of March 3, 1879.

Accepted for mailing at special rate of postage in Sec. 1103, Act of October 3, 1917.

Ingratitude

AN ILLITERATE fisherman and pilot gave to Mark Guy Pearse a touching chapter from his personal experience, and the application he made of it. Mr. Pearse says he passed it along to D. L. Moody, and the latter was so affected by it that he buried his face in his hands and wept.

The fisherman told how he was lying abroad his boat in Plymouth Sound, when he heard a splash in the water not far off. He jumped out of his berth, for he thought he knew what it was; there was another fishing boat not far off, and the man with it was a drinking man. He rowed there in his small boat with all speed, leaning over the side and praying God for help. Presently he got hold of the other man's arm and pulled him up, and he was drunk sure enough. He lifted him back onto his boat and put him in his berth and worked over him and rubbed him an hour or more, till he began to come to himself. Doing everything pos-

sible to make the man comfortable, he came away.

The next morning he pulled over to see how the man was. He was standing leaning over the side of his craft. To a "good morning" he returned no answer. "How are you this morning?" his rescuer said. "What's that to you?" was the surly response. "Why," said the first man, "I saved your life last night." "Get out," responded the other, and roundly cursed him for a liar.

"I turned 'round my little boat and pulled away to my craft," he said in telling Mr. Pearse. "My heart was like a thing broke. The tears ran down my cheeks. I looked up to Heaven and could hardly get out the words that choked me. 'O Lord Jesus,' I said, 'my blessed Lord Jesus, I am sorry for Thee! I know now how Thou dost feel. That is how the world is always treating Thee. I am terribly sorry, for Thee, my dear Lord.'"

—The King's Business.

Editorial

DO WE CARE?

THE liquor industry, the cigarette manufacturers, the movie people care. The Catholics care. The communists care.

Do Evangelical Christians care? Do we care? Do we care about the future of our young people, especially those of our own faith; do we care about the youth of the community, of our church, of our own family?

The liquor industry, the cigarette manufacturers, the movie people spend millions of dollars every year to train young people of this country in the direction in which they want them to go. They spend long hours of planning and thinking how they can most effectively educate them to use their product.

The Catholics tax themselves heavily to build and equip and maintain fine schools to educate their young people from the first grade through graduate school. The Bishop of Baltimore has instructed the colleges in his diocese to do everything they can to meet the highest standards required by any group which have the power of accrediting their work.

The communists maintain schools in this country for the training of young people in their party, and pay all the expenses of those young people while they are being trained.

Judged by what these people do for the young people they are aiming at, do the evangelical Christians really care? Do we match the efforts of these other groups to get control of their young people? How much are we spending on our schools? How much did we do this past year? Too often a \$5.00 bill, or perhaps a \$10.00, and once in a while \$25.00 or more has been given to at least ease our conscience and satisfy or get rid of the solicitor.

Go with me to the schools of the liberals, or to the many independent colleges or state schools, and get their salary scale. Then compare what they pay their teachers with what our schools and colleges pay.

Of course, I know our teachers are supposed to serve at a sacrificial salary. I am not asking for salaries as high as are being paid in the finest schools of our country. But, sacrifice can be carried too far, so that there are financial pressures under which teachers struggle that necessarily hinder their efficiency. Sacrifice can be carried so far that teachers are deprived of some necessities of life, hinders their self development due to being unable to purchase books, magazines, etc. robs them of physical strength as oftentimes en-

ergy is expended in outside pursuits to augment their income, resulting in depleted spiritual and mental activity. Yes, sacrifice can be carried so far that it makes poor teachers. Without question our teachers in our church institutions are sacrificing at least \$1,000.00 per year in salary; in other words, they are willing to make this sacrifice for the good of the cause. Do we care? What have we sacrificed?

Let us look at the conditions under which our teachers have to teach. Go first and look at the fine libraries on the campuses of other schools. Go into the classrooms and look at the maps, charts, and other aids of every description to aid in teaching. Visit the laboratories, etc., notice the fine equipment. Look at the administrative staff that is available for counselling and helping young people who come to these schools.

Let us now look at our own schools and see what we are able to provide with the limited monies given by our supporters. Which is equipped to do an adequate job for our youth? Do we care what kind of equipment and teachers our youth are trained and guided with?

Or let us go to these campuses and look at the buildings. They are large, expensive, well-kept, and constantly being increased—they bear ample testimony of the money being poured into these educational plants. Visit our campuses and we are made conscious that a struggle is



Our Sin Bearer

Mont Hurst

In ancient times in the land of Wales a very peculiar custom prevailed. The Welsh people would hire the services of a professional "sin-eater" at funerals of friends or relatives. The sin-eater would go through his rites of eating away the sin of the one who died by eating bread and drinking ale which had been placed upon the coffin. The people believed that when he did this, he took upon himself the sins of the one who died and this would assure an entry into Heaven.

This was a crude pagan custom of those times. But a Christian has always had a certain way of getting rid of his sins and doing it while he lives. The true Christian lets Jesus Christ be his sin bearer. Jesus is, as the Bible says, "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." How wonderful that He is willing to take our sins away and then cleanse us so that we may then receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost! And all we have to do to have Christ take sins away from us is to believe on Him, accept Him, love Him and do our best to serve Him in every possible way. Jesus gave His life for us that we may get rid of our sins and be with Him when we inherit Eternal Life in Heaven.—Dallas, Texas.

going on. Improvements need to be made, dormitories, classrooms, etc., are imperative needs on every hand. Yet, do we care what kind of building and plant our youth are educated in? Do we care?

Again may we visit these other institutions. Look over their large endowments and property assets. Get a glimpse of the huge amounts they receive, while we struggle to raise sufficient to keep going, constantly pleading for funds to pay salaries and cost of operation. Surely when our schools appeal for funds to provide better physical plants or for operations, is it an unreasonable request? It is for our youth and the advancement of the cause of Christ and the Church. Do we care?

Hundreds of our young people are looking to Christian Schools for their education. What kind shall it be? Shall it be the best possible? Shall it be that our administrators and leaders can not only stress the educational, but primarily the spiritual, unhampered by financial concerns? We hold the answer and without question our giving will determine the measure of our concern.

—Adapted from Bryan Newsette and Houghton College Bulletin—by Alvin C. Burkholder-Director of Public Relations, Upland College, Upland, California.

Only One Thing

By Oswald J. Smith, Litt.D.

WHEN Jesus left His disciples—now nearly two thousand years ago—He gave them but one task; namely, world evangelization. I can imagine His talking to them something like this: "I am going to leave you and I will be gone for a long time. While I am absent, I want you to do just one thing! Give this gospel of Mine to the entire world. See that every nation, tongue, and tribe hears it, at least once."

Those were His instructions. That was the one thing He told them to do, and they understood Him perfectly. But what has the Church done during the years He has been absent? Have we carried out His orders? Have we obeyed Him?

As a matter of fact, we have done everything else except the one thing He told us to do. Jesus never told us to build colleges, universities, and seminaries; but we have done it. He never told us to erect hospitals and asylums and homes for the aged. He never told us to build churches or to organize Sunday schools and Youth for Christ rallies; but we have done it. And we ought to have done it, for all of it is important and worth while.

But the one and only thing He did tell us to do is the one thing that we have left undone. We have not given His gospel to the entire world. We have not carried out His orders.

What would a man say, who had called a plumber to fix his water taps, if he should come home and find him painting the side of his house? What could he say? Would he not expect him to do what he had told him to do? Could the man satisfy him by stating that he thought the house needed painting? Of course not. Orders must be obeyed.

More than nineteen hundred years ago the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to His Father's throne and sat down on His right hand. But He has a throne of His own, the throne of His father David, to which He is the legal successor. Whoever heard of a king, who had a throne of his own, who would be satisfied to occupy the throne of another?

Christ wants to return. He longs to return. He longs to reign. It is His right. Then why does He wait? He is waiting for you and me to complete the task. He is waiting for us to do what He has told us to do. Many a time He must say to



Himself, "How long, I wonder, are they going to keep Me waiting? When will they let Me come back? How soon can I return to earth to sit upon My throne?"

Here is an estate. The master tells his servants that he is leaving, but that he will return. And while he is gone, they are to bring the entire estate under cultivation.

They begin working around the house. They beautify the gardens and flower-beds. Next year the weeds grow and again they go to work, keeping the lawns in perfect condition. Presently one of them remembers his master's orders. "I must go," he exclaims. "Our master told us to bring the entire estate under cultivation." And he prepares to leave. "But," they cry, "we cannot spare you. See how fast the weeds grow. We need you here." But in spite of their protests he leaves and begins working in a far corner of the estate.

Later on, two others remember their Lord's orders, and in spite of objections they, too, go and cultivate another part of the estate.

At last their master returns. He is pleased as he looks at the flower-beds and gardens and the lawns around his house. But before rewarding his servants, he decides to explore the rest of the estate and, as he does so, his heart sinks, for he sees nothing but wilderness and marsh, and he realizes that there has not been so much as an attempt made to cultivate it.

Finally he comes to one man working by himself in a distant part of the estate, and He rewards him richly. He discovers the two in still another part, and likewise rewards them. Then he returns to headquarters where his servants are waiting and expecting a reward; but his face indicates displeasure.

"Have we not been faithful?" they exclaim. "Look at these flower-beds and gardens. Look at these lawns. Are they not beautiful? And have we not worked hard?"

"Yes," he replies, "you have done your best. You have been faithful. You have labored diligently."

"Well then," they cry, "why are you displeased? Are we not entitled to a reward?"

"There is one thing you have forgotten," he replies; "you have forgotten my orders. I did not tell you to work the same gardens and lawns again and again, year after year. I told you to bring the entire estate under cultivation, to cultivate all of it at least once. That you did not do; in fact, you did not even attempt to cultivate it, and when your companions insisted upon going and doing their part, you objected. No, there is no reward for you."

Many a one, I am afraid is going to be disappointed when our Lord returns. You may be that one. You may have won many souls in your town. You may have been faithful to your church; but what have you done for those in heathen darkness? Have you ever thought of going yourself? Have you ever given your money that someone else might go? Have you prayed? What part have you had in the evangelization of the world? Have you obeyed orders? Have you done what you could to bring the entire estate under cultivation? Or have you been satisfied to work in your own community and let the rest of the world perish?

If you want to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant,"

(Continued on page fourteen)

THERE are three important "looks" in the life of every Christian:

The first is the Calvary look, spoken of in the book of Hebrews where he says, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." It was by the look of faith at the Cross of Christ that we were born again.

The second look that is the part of every sincere Christian life is the Out-Look. Jesus said; "Lift up your eyes; look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Seeing the need is what moves us to action and puts within us the urge to do something in the presentation of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ. Looking about us this morning we are impressed with man's helplessness. We are impressed anew that the answer to the world's problems is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then too, the Christian has as his third look, the Upward Look. It bears a significant relationship to Christian living. In my meditation with you this morning I would like to discuss the Upward Look. Truth surrounding the Upward Look enables the Christian to maintain a proper relationship to our surroundings. The proper outlook is dependent upon a proper relationship to our surroundings. The proper outlook is dependent upon a proper uplook.

For me to live my best as a Christian, I need to keep in mind that there's a sequence of events on God's eternal calendar. One by one, things are coming to pass. It is toward the great consummation of all things that we are directly headed today. I think this message fits into the thought of this peace conference for it is important that we be in readiness for the consummation of all things and the great appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I speak to a large group of young men this morning, who, I have faith to believe, desire to keep themselves in the will of God and not become involved in a system that might endanger their being ready for the coming of the Lord. I desire to point out briefly a sequence of events that are clearly taught in God's Word.

We believe in the birth, the work, the ministry, the death, the resurrection and the ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as taught in the Scriptures. Ten days following the ascension, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and the church was born. The church age is that period of time which the prophets did not clearly foresee and the angels desired to look into. The Church age is dedicated to the selection of a bride for Christ. The bride shall share a unique position with Christ through the endless ages of eternity.

Some of these days the Church age is going to end. Closely related to events that will transpire in the end time, are



earth is the greatest time of disturbance and trouble that the world has ever known. Some thought should here be given to the fact that prior to the wrath of God being poured out on the earth the Church will be taken away. Note a few Scriptures at this point;

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." I Thess. 5:8-9

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Romans 5:9

"And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." I Thess. 1:10

The wrath of God as manifest during the tribulation period will not surround the Christian Church, but will be directed at the Jewish people and the Gentiles who

The Upward Look

J. N. Hostetter

This message was given at the Sunday morning worship service of the Roxbury Peace Conference, July, 1950.

activities that surround the Jews. Between the sixty-ninth and the seventieth week of the book of Daniel is the period we know as the age of grace. Following the completion of the bride of Christ, the Jewish nation will again come into the focus of events and will figure prominently in the closing days of time.

The close of this age is going to be marked with a pronounced revelation of sin. This is the age when men are being called by the Spirit of God and the hand of judgment is largely stayed. Following the age of grace, man's sin and iniquity will become the target of God's divine wrath and judgment. That shall be a time of trouble such as men have never known. Here is the forecast as read out of Revelation, chapter sixteen; "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth." Notice, it is going to be poured out upon this earth.

Angels with golden girdles, a symbol of righteousness and equity, will be the ministers of this judgment. Righteousness will be vindicated and evil be punished. I would herald from this platform this morning the fact that coming to this

have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ.

With that thought in mind, I would like to present this phase of truth. In the study of the New Testament there is reference made to a Day that you don't read about in the Old Testament. Neither is it spoken about in the four Gospels. It is found exclusively in the Epistles or that which relates to the Church age.

"Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 1:8

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6

And then chapter 2: verse 16. "Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." The Church age is going to consummate with what is called the Day of the Lord Jesus Christ. Think with me of the events that are going to characterize the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ it will be necessary for the Gospel to have been preached in all the world. Radio ministry provides a means that cannot be circumscribed by

(Continued on page fifteen)

Christian Schools

The following article is from an exchange paper. The late Rev. B. T. Roberts, founder and the first General Superintendent of the Free Methodist Church, presents truth that is current and of vital importance.

SCHOOLS for the masses owe their existence to Christianity. Common schools have never been found in any but Christian lands.

In this country, those who hate the Bible have undertaken to secularize our system of public instruction. Because of the corruption of politics, they have to a large extent succeeded. The two great political parties are so nearly equally divided that an insignificant, corrupt minority can, by going over to the party that will favor them, often carry their measures. In this way atheists and Communists have, in some of the states, secured the enactment of laws forbidding the reading of the Bible in the common schools. The only book which has been proscribed is *The Book*, to which they owe their origin. The ungrateful child has disowned the loving parent.

We are already beginning to reap, in a startling amount of crime, the bitter fruit of the bad seed sown. The better-educated portion of the community is becoming demoralized as rapidly as it is becoming dechristianized. Immorality keeps pace with infidelity as his shadow does with a man walking.

The ignorant class does not furnish the principal recruits to the criminal class. It doubtless contributes its share, but the schools of the land furnish their proportion of men who prey upon their fellow-men.

So that Christian schools are needed not only to make Christians but to make good citizens. Patriotism as well as Christianity calls for their establishment and support.

The need of Christian schools has been so generally felt that every denomination has its schools. We do not know of an exception in a single denomination which has been established for any considerable length of time.

Yet it must be acknowledged that these Christian schools are not securing as large results as they should.

They doubtless do a great amount of good, but they should do a great more. Without them the country would be in a

deplorable state; but with them raised to their highest efficiency the country would be far better off than it is at present.

We propose to notice two things that are needed to make our Christian schools more successful, as Christian schools.

First, *There must be a far deeper consecration to their support.* Preachers must insist more upon the importance of a Christian education. They must not merely touch upon it occasionally—they must dwell upon it, and make the people see that it is of untold value. Christians must place such an estimate upon their religion that they deeply feel that it is of more consequence to them and to their children than earthly possessions. They will then be willing to make any needed sacrifices to have their children educated under the best possible Christian influence. The puritanism of New England has acted as good leaven in the newer portions of



this country. It owed its efficiency, to a great extent, to the high estimate the people generally placed upon a Christian education. Upon a rocky farm, which a western man would seem incapable of furnishing a moderate living, the father and mother toiled early and late that the sons, who while toiling with them had managed to get ready for college, might go to Dartmouth, Harvard or Yale.

The Romanists of this country are not, as a body, more wealthy or more intelligent than the Protestants. Yet they are made to feel that it is so necessary that what education their children have should be a religious character that the day-laborer pays for sending his children to a religious school, rather than send them to a "godless school," where books and tuition are free. And no Romanist school ever lacks for devoted teachers because it is not able to give the teachers as large a money compensation as they might obtain in other schools, or at other pursuits. This church can send to any field it chooses any number of educated men and women who are fully consecrated to do any work that is needed to be done, for any kind of a living that may be offered. It is to this, more than to any other one cause, that it owes its power.

The primal cause of the lack of efficiency in Protestant schools is the want of entire consecration to God among the people. If this prevailed there would be no want of efficient teachers, of attentive scholars, and of the necessary funds to give these schools an adequate support.

When, as one result of the great awakening under the labors of Finney, Oberlin Seminary was founded, the people, many of them accustomed to luxuries, went into the woods, put themselves up rude log houses, and started the school in a building made of slabs. When a visitor wanted a cup of tea, diligent search was made, and it could not be furnished in the settlement! But Oberlin soon became a power throughout the land. It rendered a great assistance in the overthrowing of slavery.

(Continued on page fifteen)

The Risen Christ

Fannie E. Davidson

*Triumphant over sin and death,
The Holy One came forth,
No more sorrow, pain or loss,
Triumphant now, henceforth.*

*Triumphant over Satan, too,
For victory in death,
Released his hold on all who had,
In him God-given breath.*

*Triumphant over all the world,
A kingdom He had won,
The born-again His subjects are,
Wherever sets the sun.*

*Triumphant He will reign some day,
And earth will join in praise,
And crown Him King of every heart,
For this creation prays,
Upland, California*

HAS THE Church of Christ been awakened yet to the spiritual need of America's children?

Someone reports on an effective demonstration that was staged before a large audience. It was a conference on Child Evangelism. During the opening portion of the service a group of children paraded in an orderly fashion down the aisle, up over the platform and back again, carrying flags and banners. Again and again they passed around until the slogans on the placards had really made an impression. "Boys and girls of America need Christ," and again, "There are 20,895,000 children in the U. S. between the ages of 5 and 13. 71% are untouched by the Church." Again, "There are 28 million children and young people in the U. S. with no religious training."

And the Church alone can do what America needs done for this young generation. A child specialist in Washington, D. C. has stated that one out of every eight children in our land lives in a broken home. That means the child has been faced with the conflict, the fears and the loneliness of separation from one or the other of his parents. He lacks security and peace. What a ministry there for the consecrated follower of Christ who cares for children!

But the best of homes seem to be having their problems these days. Recently, the headlines of a small town newspaper blazed forth, "Three boys from prominent village homes are apprehended after a spree of thievery." Several business establishments in town had been mau-rauded by these young independents. What need there for the restraining power of the Word of God!

It is not to be wondered at—this crime flood in our land—when we realize the national average is eleven saloons for every five churches. The movies, the magazines, and now television are all teaching crime. Add to this the indifference of parents and the picture is complete. Boys and girls are taken everywhere but to Sunday school and given everything but the Bible. But what is to be wondered at is the seeming indifference to the challenge this all presents to the Church. Child Evangelism opens the one door we need to strike at the basic ills of American society. The breakdown of the home is the tragedy of our day. Win the child and you have an entrance to that home.

Children are important, for Jesus thought them so. In one of His most pointed messages He placed a child in their midst. When He would feed the 5,000, He turned for aid to a lad. He said, "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believeth in Me, it were better for him that . . . he were drowned in the depths of the sea; but whoso shall receive



A Child In The Midst

By A. J. Shea

one such little child in My Name receiveth Me."

Children are worth noticing. Jesus thought them so. In the words of a gifted children's worker, "Jesus recognized in the basket of the little boy the makings of a miracle." The Church that will make something of its boys and girls will find still that the child offers the makings of a miracle.

The child offers to the Church a miracle in growth and expansion. Win a child and

you win a home; win a home and you win a community. Dr. G. B. Vick, pastor of the second largest Sunday school in America, spends two thirds of his efforts on the Sunday school. The results have been phenomenal, with over 3,000 in Sunday school on an average Sunday. Yes, the child is often the opening wedge into the neighborhood and into an everwidening ministry for the Church.

The child offers to the Church, further, the opportunity for steady revival and additions to the Church daily such as should be saved. "And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Such methods can still work miracles today.

Child evangelism, using the neighborhood Bible club method, offers one of the best methods ever devised for launching a great home missionary effort to reach America's lost generation of children. Winning the children we win all.

—The Wesleyan Methodist.

The Same Today

*Oh, thou of little faith,
God hath not failed thee yet.
When all looks dark and gloomy,
Thou dost so soon forget;
Forget that He has led thee
And gently cleared thy way,
On clouds has poured His sunshine
And turned thy night to day.*

*And if He helped thee hitherto
He will not fail thee now;
How it must wound His loving heart
To see thy anxious brow.
Oh, doubt not any longer;
To Him commit thy way.
As in the past thou trustest,
He is the same today.*

—Unknown.

Marantha is an untranslated Syriac word found in I Cor. 16:22. It means: "The Lord Cometh." It was a word of greeting in the early church. When believers met they said "Maranatha." When they parted they said, "Maranatha." It was to them a constant reminder of the fact of the Lord's return.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

AS SLATED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Permanent Church Headquarters
Messiah Rescue and Benevolent Home
2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa. Tel. 3-9881
Attention of General Conference Secretary

Institutions

E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana.
Eld. Erwin W. Thomas, Manager.

Jabbok Bible School, Thomas, Oklahoma.
Ira M. Eyster, President.

Messiah College, Grantham, Pa.
Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., President.

Messiah Home, 2001 Paxton Street, Harrisburg, Pa., Eld. and Sr. Irvin O. Musser, Steward and Matron. Telephone 2-7836.

Messiah Orphanage, R. R. 1, Mt. Joy, Pa. Sr. Mazie Seese, Matron.

Mt. Carmel Orphanage, Coleta, Illinois, Supt. Eld. Albert Cober; Matron, Elizabeth Schradley.

Ontario Bible School, Fort Erie, North, Ont. Bishop Edward Gilmore, President.

The Christian Light Press
The merchandising department of Brethren in Christ Publication Board, Inc.
Nappanee, Ind., Chambersburg, Pa.
Main office: Elizabethtown, Pa.
Clair H. Hoffman, Manager

Upland College, Upland, California.
Dr. H. G. Brubaker, President.

Treasurers of the Church Boards

Executive Board: Harvey W. Hoke, West Milton, Ohio; Canadian Treas., O. L. Heise, Gormley, Ontario.

Foreign Mission Board: Carl J. Ulery, 1332 Maiden Lane, Springfield 28, Ohio; Canadian Treas.: Wm. Charlton, Stevensville, Ontario.

Home Mission: Henry A. Ginder, Manheim, Pa., R. R. 2, Canadian Treas., Edward Gilmore, Lowbanks, Ontario.

Beneficiary: Jacob H. Bowers, Collegeville, Pa.

Board for Schools and Colleges: John M. Book, 247 Euclid Place, Upland, California.

Publication Board: Charles E. Clouse, Nappanee, Indiana.

Sunday School Board: C. W. Boyer, 2223 N. Main St., Dayton 5, Ohio.

Free Literature and Tract Department: Ray Zercher, Nappanee, Indiana.

Young People's Work: B. E. Thuma, R. R. 1 Marietta, Pa., George C. Sheffer, Stayner, Ont, Canadian Treas.

Relief and Service Committee: John H. Hoffman, Maytown, Pa.

Industrial Relations Committee: C. W. Boyer, Sec'y., 2223 N. Main St., Dayton 5, Ohio.

Women's Missionary Prayer Circle: Mrs. Cyrus G. Lutz, Secretary, Lancaster, R. 6, Pa.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

India

Saharsa Mission: Saharsa, O. and T. Ry., Bhagalpur District, India, Elder and Sr. Charles Engle, Sr. Beulah Arnold, Sr. Leora Yoder, Sr. Shirley Bitner, Sr. Erma Hare.

Madhipura Mission: Madhipura, O. and T. Ry., Bhagalpur District, India, Sr. Anna Steckley, Elder and Sr. Arthur Pye.

Barjora Mission: P. O. Tirbeniganj, via Murlinganj, A. Ry., North Bhagalpur District, India, Elder and Sr. William Hoke, Sr. Emma Rosenberger.

Monghyr Mission: Mission House, Monghyr, E. I. Ry., Monghyr District, India, Elder and Sr. George Paulus, Sr. Effie Rohrer.

Banmankhi Mission: P. O. Banmankhi, A. Ry., Purnea District, India, Elder and Sr. Allen Buckwalter.

Bro. and Sr. A. D. M. Dick, "Trees," P. O. North Point, Darjeeling, India.

Africa

General Superintendent: Bishop and Sr. H. H. Brubaker, P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, South Africa.

Matopo Mission: P. B. 191T, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, South Africa, Eld. and Sr. Elmer Eyer, Eld. and Sr. L. B. Sider, Sr. Elizabeth Engle, Sr. Dorothy M. Martin, Sr. Mary Brenaman, Sr. Lula Asper, and Eld. and Sr. Alvin Book.

Mtshabezi Mission: P. B. 102M, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia, South Africa, Elder and Sr. D. B. Hall, Elder and Sr. Roy H. Mann, Sr. Beth L. Winger, Eld. and Sr. Bert Winger, Sr. Mabel Frey, Sr. Rhoda Lenhert, Sr. Fanny Longenecker.

Wanezi Mission: Filabusi, S. Rhodesia, South Africa, Eld. and Sr. Arthur Climenhaga, Eld. and Sr. Chester Wingert, Sr. Anna R. Engle, Sr. Florence Hensel, and Sr. Anna Wolgemuth.

Macha Mission: Choma, N. Rhodesia, South Africa, Eld. and Sr. J. Elwood Hershey, Sr. Verna Ginder, Sr. Ruth Hunt, Sr. Verda Moyer, and Sr. Annie Winger.

Sikalongo Mission: Choma, N. Rhodesia, South Africa, Elder & Sr. David Climenhaga, Sr. Rhoda Lenhert, Sr. Anna Graybill, and Sr. Edna Lehman.

Missionaries on Furlough

Sr. Anna M. Eyster, 637 Third Avenue, Upland, California.

Sr. B. Ella Gayman, 2001 Paxton St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Eld. and Sr. Albert Brenaman, West Milton, Ohio.

Sr. Naomi Lady, Grantham, Pa.

Sr. Martha Kauffman, 411, 13th St. Abilene, Kansas.

Sr. Mary C. Kreider 266 E. Main St., Cam-belltown, Penna.

HOME MISSIONS

Rural Missions

Allisonia, Virginia (Farris Mines) Paul and Ruth Wolgemuth. Ida Lue Hane.

Bloomfield, New Mexico (Brethren in Christ Navajo Mission), c.o. Blanco Trading Post. Isaac and Nina Schmucker, Rosa Eyster, Dorothy Charles, Samuel and Lucy Ens-minger.

Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada: Pearl Jones.

Holidaysburg, Pa. (Canoe Creek Mission), Box 259A, R. D. 2, Telephone Holidaysburg 51319; Paul and Esther George.

Kentucky—Elam Dohner, Superintendent.

Fairview Station, Ella, Ky.: Elam and Helen Dohner, Esther Ebersole.

Garlin, Ky.: Eli and Ruth Christner, Elizabeth Hess, Nurse.

Knifley, Ky.: Edgar Giles, Pastor, Katie Rosenberger, Nurse; Ruby Clapper.

Meath Park Station (North Star Mission) Saskatchewan, Canada; Earl D. and Ellen K. Brechbill, Docia Calhoun.

Tillsonburg (Houghton Mission) Ontario, Canada; Telephone Glenmeyer 22-14; Myrtle Steckley, Ruth Steckley, Anna Henry.

Frogmore: Alonza Vanatter, Pastor.

Houghton Center: Basil Long.

City Missions

Albuquerque Mission: Residence—441 LaVega Road, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Paul and Barbara Wingerd.

Altoona Mission: 613 Fourth Avenue, Altoona, Pa. Residence — 412 Third Street, Altoona, Pa. Graybill and Ethel Brubaker.

Buffalo Mission: 25 Hawley St., Buffalo 13, N. Y.; Telephone—Grant 7706; Harry and Katie Buckwalter, Anne Wyld, Viola Miller.

Chicago Mission: 6039 Halsted Street, Chicago 21, Illinois; Telephone—Wentworth 6-7122. Carl J. Carlson, Pastor, Avas Carlson, Alice Albright, Sara Brubaker, Frances Wolfe.

Dayton Mission: 601 Taylor St., Dayton, Ohio; Telephone — HEmlock 3164; William and Evelyn Engle, Mary Brandt.

Detroit (God's Love Mission) 1524 Third Ave., Detroit 26, Michigan; Residence—3936 Humboldt, Detroit 8; Telephone — Tyler 5-1470; Harry Hock, Supt., Catherine Hock, Ethel Heisey, Ruth Deihl.

Harrisburg (Messiah Lighthouse Mission) 1175 Bailey St. Harrisburg, Pa.; Telephone—Harrisburg 26488; Joel and Faithe Carlson, Elizabeth Kanode, Grace Robb, and Beulah Lyons.

Massillon (Christian Fellowship Mission) 118 South Ave., S. E. Massillon, Ohio; Telephone —2-3804; Eli Hostetter, Pastor; Lloyd Hostetter, Assistant Pastor; Lydia Hostetter, Doris Rohrer, Minnie Bicher.

Orlando Mission: Pastor Ernest and Kathryn Boyer, 1712 Cook St., Orlando, Florida.

Philadelphia Mission: 3423 North Second St., Philadelphia 40, Pa.; Telephone—NE 4-6431; William and Anna Rosenberry, Anita Brechbill, Erma Hoke.

San Francisco (Life Line Gospel Mission) 224 Sixth St., San Francisco 3, Calif.; Residence —311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, Calif.; Telephone—UNderhill 1-4820; Edith Davidson, Janna Goins, Edith Yoder.

Stowe Mission: 527 Glasgow St., Stowe, Pa.; Telephone — Pottstown 1211J; Cletus and Kathryn Naylor.

Welland Mission: 36 Elizabeth St., Welland, Ontario, Canada; Telephone—3192; Earl Bosert, Pastor; Pauline Hess, Rhoda Lehman.

RADIO BROADCASTS

CHVC, Niagara Falls, Ontario "Call to Worship Hour" Each Sunday 9:00-9:30 A.M.	1600 Kcs.
CKPC, Brantford, Ontario "Brethren in Christ Hour" Each Sunday 2:00-2:30 P. M.	1380 Kcs.
WMPC, Lapeer, Michigan First Thursday of every month 12:15-1:15 P.M. Every Tuesday—transcription 3:30-3:45 P.M.	1260 Kcs.
KOCS, Ontario, Calif. "Morning Melodies" Each Sunday 10:00-10:15 A.M.	1510 Kcs.
WCHA, Chambersburg, Pa. "The Gospel Tide Hour" Each Sunday 7:30-8:00 A.M.	800 Kcs.
WCHA, Chambersburg, Pa. "Gospel Words and Music" Each Saturday 12:35-1:00 P.M.	800 Kcs.
WNAR, Norristown, Pa. "Gospel Words and Music" Each Sunday 2:30-3:00 P.M.	1110 Kcs.
WLBR, Lebanon, Pa. "Gospel Words and Music" Each Saturday 12:35-1:00 P.M.	1270 Kcs.
WKJG, Fort Wayne, Indiana "Gospel Words and Music" Each Sunday 8:00-8:30 A.M.	1380 Kcs.
WAND, Canton, Ohio "Christian Fellowship Mission" Each Sunday 12:30-1:00 P.M.	900 Kcs.
WPFB, Middletown, Ohio "Gospel Lighthouse Hour" Each Sunday 8:00-8:30 A.M.	910 Kcs.
WBUX, Quakertown, Pa. "Sunday Bible Hour" Each Sunday 12:30-1:00 P.M.	1570 Kcs.
WLXW, Carlisle, Pa. "The Verse for the Day" Each Sunday 8:05-8:20 A.M.	1380 Kcs.

Love Feasts

Pennsylvania

Messiah HomeApril 8
Cedar Grove—1:30 p.m.April 28-29
ElizabethtownMarch 22-23

Michigan

CarlandApril 14-15
DetroitApril 22
GladwinApril 28-29
MerrillMay 5-6
MooretownMay 12-13
LeonardMay 19-20
RustMay 26-27

Indiana

Union GroveJune 2-3

Ontario

Boyle and MarkhamApril 21-22
Cheapside and Clarence CenterMay 5-6
Bertie and FrogmoreMay 12-13
Springvale and RosebankMay 19-20
Howick and BuffaloMay 26-27
Nottawa and WainfleetJune 2-3

Weddings

Burton-Thorne—John Ed Burton, Jr., son of Sister Bertha Burton of Garlin, Kentucky, and Betty Lou Thorne, daughter of Mrs. Lois Thorne of Farmersburg, Indiana, were united in marriage December 7, 1950.

Long-Heisey—The marriage of Mary Jane Heisey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heisey of Elizabethtown, Pa., to Richard Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Long of Mill Hall, Pa., took place in the Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church on Saturday, January 27, in the presence of many relatives and friends. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul W. McBeth, assisted by Rev. Alden Long, brother of the bridegroom. Our sincere prayer is that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon this happy union.

Rittgers-Noonan—On Thursday, January 25, occurred the marriage of Miss Mary Noonan, daughter of Mrs. Susan Noonan, Des Moines, Iowa, to Mr. Clarence J. Rittgers, at the home of Elder and Mrs. Samuel Lady. Elder Elmo Alleman assisted in the ceremony. After a short wedding trip, the couple is residing at 1250 Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Van Dyke-Stern—On Saturday, March 3, at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lehman, there occurred the marriage of Mary Louise Stern and Wilbur Guy Van Dyke. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stern, Martinsburg, Pa., and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Van Dyke, Mechanicsburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Jr. May God's blessing attend these young people.

Births

Blough—A daughter, Linda Jean, was born to Brother and Sister Allen Blough, R. 2, Mt. Joy, Pa., on January 17, 1951. A sister for Leroy.

Buckwalter—Amos and Alice Buckwalter of Upland, California, were made very happy by the arrival of a daughter, Jane Ellen, on January 7, 1951.

Burkholder—Brother and Sister John D. Burkholder of Chambersburg, Pa., became the happy parents of a son, David Willis, on February 23, 1951.

Burns—Brother and Sister Ira Burns of Martinsburg, Pa., became the happy parents of a son, Ira Donald, on February 20, 1951.

Dourte—On February 6, 1951, a daughter, Marjorie Ruth, was born to Brother and Sister Jesse B. Dourte of Manheim, Pa., R. 2.

Ebersole—Stephen Wesley came to bless the home of Brother and Sister Fred Ebersole of Martinsburg, Pa., on December 31, 1950.

Goins—A son, Maynard Eugene, was born December 13, 1950, to Mabrie and Anna Goins of Fresno, California. A brother for Marie Elena.

Hess—Alvin Roger came to bless the home of Brother and Sister A. Byers Hess of Chambersburg, Pa., R. 6, on April 20, 1950.

Hock—A son, Ray David, was born to Brother and Sister Laban Hock of Dallas Center, Iowa, on December 28, 1950.

Keller—A son, Aaron Roger, was born to Brother and Sister Clarence Keller of Dallas Center, Iowa, on December 24, 1950.

Riley—Victor David came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley of Everett, Pa., on February 9, 1951.

Rosenberger—A daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, was born to Brother and Sister Norman Rosenberger of Dallas Center, Iowa, on November 20, 1950.

Slagenweit—Brother and Sister Mark Slagenweit are very happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Faithe Kaye, on February 5, 1951. Sister Slagenweit is the former Eleanor Miller.

Wolgemuth—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolgemuth of Elizabethtown, Pa., are the happy parents of a daughter, Brenda Kay, born January 31, 1951.

Prayer Request

We would appreciate the prayers of the Church in behalf of our eleven year old son, Bobby, who is very ill with Cancer. He cannot live long unless God undertakes.

Frank and Erla Ferguson
Glen Huron, Ont.

Evangelistic Slate

Everett, Pa. March 27
Elder Marshall Winger, Evangelist

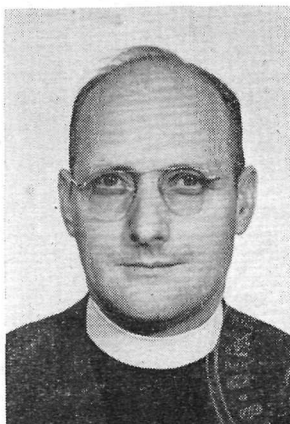
Coming Soon!

in the *Evangelical Visitor*—a special *Truth for Youth* section of particular interest to all youth and leaders of the Brethren in Christ.

Regional contributor, Ruth E. Heisey has edited a special issue on "The Brethren in Christ Young People as They Appear to Me." Articles by a young person of another church, an instructor in youth conferences, a public high school teacher, a bishop and a number of others will be featured.

Don't miss the April 16 issue of *Evangelical Visitor*!

—Grace Herr, Editor.



The late Elder Elmer S. Eyer

Obituaries

Eyer—Rev. Elmer Senn Eyer, son of Eugene and Anna Senn Eyer, was born November 17, 1904, at Glendora, California, and passed away February 20, 1951, at Lancaster General Hospital, having been home from Africa for one week.

He was converted at ten and called at fourteen to missionary service in Africa. He attended Beulah College, completing two years of college work. He engaged in gospel work among the Mexicans of Southern California and spent a short time at the Houghton (Canada) Mission.

On March 20, 1928, at Upland, California, he was married to Ethelda Yellis. To this union were born four children: Frederic S., Lorraine, Rosemary and an infant son who preceded him in death in 1931.

He was ordained as a minister and sent to the African Field by the Upland (California)

Church, arriving in Rhodesia, March, 1936. Capable and progressive, he spent his first term of ten years duration as superintendent of Macha Mission at Choma. While there he superintended the building of the church, school, hospital and shop.

After having a furlough in the States, he returned to Africa in December, 1947, where he served as superintendent of Matopo Mission in Southern Rhodesia. Here he remodeled and enlarged the church, enlarged the memorial school, and built additional boys' dormitories.

To miss this devoted husband and father are his wife and three children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eyer, Upland, California; two sisters, Hannah, wife of Allen Foote, Upland, California, and Catherine, wife of Rev. Cletus Naylor, Stowe, Pennsylvania; two brothers, George Eyer, Upland, California, and Harvey Eyer, Dexter, Oregon. His oldest sister, Marie, wife of David Warnock of Sekiw, Washington, preceded him in death in 1942.

The funeral in Pennsylvania was held in the Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ Church at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 1951. Bishop I. W. Musser, Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, Elder Walter Winger and Elder Graybill Wolgemuth shared in this service. On the evening of February 22, the family with the body of Brother Eyer left Harrisburg for Upland, California.

Further services were conducted at the Upland church with the pastor, Elder Riall Stump in charge. Elder Alvin Burkholder brought the message, assisted by Bishop J. F. Lady. Interment followed in the Bellevue Mausoleum.

Glick—Albert J. Glick, was born July 19, 1899, near Middleburg, Indiana, and departed this life February 20, 1951, in the City Hospital, Massillon, Ohio, at the age of 51 years, 7 months, and 1 day. Death was caused by injuries received from a fall.

On April 6, 1922, he was married to Malinda Mullet of Sugarcreek, Ohio, who preceded him in death as well as a son Paul.

On April 6, 1947, he married Mary Kilmer of Lancaster County, Pa.

Surviving to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father are his wife and children: Owen of R. 2, Massillon, Mrs. Mattie Grabill of Nappanee, Indiana, Jacob of R. 2, Massillon, Mrs. Dena Sollenberger of Shippensburg, Pa., Earl, R. 1, North Lawrence, Daniel, James, Esther, Albert Jr. and Ruth Anna at home.

He was saved twenty-four years ago in a corn field soon after receiving the light of salvation. In 1931 he united with the Brethren in Christ Church and eight years later was ordained to the office of deacon. Brother Glick was faithful in his service to God and the church until his departure.

Funeral services were held February 24 at the home and at the Pleasant View Mennonite Church in charge of Bishop Henry P. Heisey, assisted by Bishop W. J. Myers and Bishop M. L. Dohner. Interment took place in the Pleasant View cemetery.

Goodling—Mary Shaffer Goodling, was born July 2, 1864, in Juniata County, and died February 18, 1951, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Kauffman, Richfield, Pa. She had been in failing health several years following a hip fracture. She was the oldest member of the Cedar Grove congregation. She was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church for a number of years and a faithful attendant as long as she was able.

Surviving are two daughters—Mrs. Kauffman and Mrs. Ida Hockenbrach, who cared for her during her illness; four sons, Elder Paul Goodling, Steward of Hollidaysburg, Charles of Elizabethtown, Wesley of Cocolamus. Also 35 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, one brother (William Shaffer) of New Port.

Funeral services were held February 22 at the Richfield Mennonite Church, conducted by Bishop J. T. Ginder and Bishop William Graybill of the Mennonite church. Text: John 14:2-3. Interment took place in the Richfield cemetery.

Green—Mable B. Green, daughter of Adelbert and Alice White was born December 24, 1882, and departed this life January 17, 1951, at her home near Carland, Michigan, after a short illness.

She was united in marriage to Edwin Green September 26, 1899, by whom she is survived, also the following children: three daughters, Mrs. Earl Mitchell, Mrs. Burr Doten, and Mrs. Eugene Bateman; two sons, Adelbert and Amos, one son preceding her in death. Also surviving are thirteen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Percy Mitchell.

Shortly after her marriage she was converted and later united with the Brethren in Christ Church of which she has been a faithful member.

(Continued on page fifteen)

With the Church In The Homeland

SPRINGFIELD SPONSORS UNUSUAL PROJECT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

Beulah Chapel, Springfield, Ohio.

Greetings in Jesus' Holy name, to the ones of like precious faith. As the Easter season again approaches we feel that it would be a wonderful time for our Lord and King to return for His own.

During our special Sunday School efforts last fall many interesting Sunday Mornings were planned for the children. Our Sunday School Supt., Glendon Snider, planned a balloon ascension for October 22. Each Sunday School attendant was given a card with a tract attached to a string. They lined up as the balloons were filled with gas, then they each tied their cards and tract to them and at a given word they let them all go. A large crowd was attracted and also had police to direct traffic.

On October 29 a Colored Quintet from Dayton, Ohio sang for us. They surely were inspired from God.

On Nov. 26 we were not able to have any church services, as the snow was too deep to walk any distance in and traffic was almost completely at a standstill. We found out later that one of our perfect attenders, a girl 14 years old, had walked more than a mile to Sunday School in order not to mar her perfect record, only to find the services had been canceled. We say God bless her for her effort.

Dec. 3 Bro. Marshall Winger came to begin a revival, but only preached on Sunday and was called away for the funeral of his granddaughter in Canada. He returned again January 22 and preached for three weeks. He surely preached the unbiased truth and located many groping souls. He remarked that he had not preached a revival where the devil had worked so hard and also the Lord was on the scene in mighty power. We had many nights of below zero weather with ice and deep snow the whole three weeks. But never to my knowledge, were the meetings so well attended every night as they were through this effort. Many hearts were deepened in the Lord. Many were saved and some sought sanctification.

Sr. Elizabeth Bossert of Canada drove on icy roads to come to us on Jan. 28 to again give her wonderful vision from God. She talks of her experience with even more forcefulness than when we heard her at our Camp Grounds almost three years ago. God bless her good for wonderful obedience.

Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma and family were with us for a Sunday morning service and told of their call as missionary servants to Africa. Let us all pray for them that God will abundantly bless them in their efforts.

Bro. and Sr. Wilbur Snider of Pleasant Hill, Ohio have moved to our community and have added much to our services. God bless them.

By Easter we hope to be in our new Sunday School rooms. We thank God for this new space for our classes.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we here at Springfield may ever go forward and see the end of this great Christian race.

—G. P.

Spring Hope Cong., Spring Hope, Pa.

Our hearts and minds were drawn heaven-ward on Feb. 10 as we enjoyed a program given by the Gospel Team of Messiah College.

Our Revival began Feb. 11 and continued for two weeks. Rev. Earl Sider from Canada was our evangelist.

God through our Brother brought soul stirring messages. Many new truths were brought to us. Through the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit, several souls knelt at an altar of prayer for forgiveness of sins and entire sanctification.

We ask an interest in your prayers for those who have again rejected the Gospel, that they may find peace for their weary souls.

—J. K. Oldham.

Manor, Penna.

Feb. 4 marked the opening of a two-weeks revival meeting at the Manor Church.

We were happy to have Bro. R. I. Witter of Navarre, Kansas with us as our evangelist. Bro. Witter came to us with a passion for the lost and brought to us night after night heart-searching messages both for the believer and the unsaved. Each evening before the service there was a period of prayer by the saints in the upper rooms of the church.

The presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt night after night. There were a number knelt at an altar of prayer who felt a need for a deeper work of grace in their lives, also a number of children accepted the Lord as their Saviour. We are glad for those who answered the call. Yet there were those to whom the Spirit was speaking who refused to yield.

Each Tuesday and Friday evening before the message there was a period devoted to the children. They were led in the singing of choruses and an illustrated talk was given.

The meeting was well attended throughout the two weeks. We were glad to have those from the churches of the community come in and worship with us.

Although the revival is past we believe the truths presented from the Word by our Brother will continue to linger with many, and we trust will continue to bear fruit.

May the Lord richly bless Bro. Witter as he goes forth in the vineyard of our Lord.

Zion Congregation, Kansas.

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is Good, and His mercy endureth forever." We surely have great and abundant reason to be thankful to the Lord for the many blessings he does bestow upon us from time to time. The work at Zion is going forward and is encouraging. The Sunday School enrollment had increased 5 since the first of the year. The Sunday evening service as well as the weekly prayer meetings are well attended. One Sunday recently Rev. Pane was in our service and gave us a very interesting and challenging message on the Temperance cause.

On February 11 there was a dedication service for children. At this time there were three babies publicly dedicated. We trust that these parents may have wisdom in raising and training these children in the fear of God.

In January there was a class in Teachers Evangelical Training started. There is an enrollment of 16 and quite often others come into the class as visitors. This class with Bishop M. M. Book as teacher, is proving very interesting as well as beneficial.

Note-Burning Service

Wednesday evening February 21 after the regular prayer meeting service the group gathered outside the church for a "Note Burning Service". The hymn "The Church's one Foundation" was sung by the group after which Bishop M. M. Book gave remarks concerning the building of the church. He mentioned that at different times while the building of the church was in progress that it was necessary to borrow money. Therefore notes were made and the last one of the five notes was paid off in December 1950. The notes were then produced and one by one Bishop Book placed them on the open flame. It was also stated that only one of the notes bore any interest. The others were from members of the congregation who gave them free of interest. Words of appreciation were given for the unity and cooperation during the time of building the church. We are thankful for a convenient church in which to worship and for a building free of debt.

We trust this may always be a place where Christ is upheld and where God's presence is felt.

—Mrs. J. C. Hoover.

Abilene, Kansas

On Nov. 20 Bishop Henry S. Schneider came to labor with us in our revival effort. His messages were heavenly inspired, timely, Christ-centered and truly blessed of the Holy Spirit. The people of the church as a whole received help spiritually. While we did not see as many bow at the altar of prayer as we had hoped, we are glad for those that did.

Bro. Whisler was called to Ohio by the death and funeral of his brother, so did not get to share in the first week of the meetings.

We appreciated the interest and co-operation of the other congregations that worshipped with us. A very interesting Christmas program was given, the evening of Dec. 22 by the Sunday School and child Evangelism class. It was well given and appreciated by the large audience. We do appreciate the young married people in our church. May God richly bless them for their interest and help.

We are happy to have Sr. Martha Kauffman in our midst. We appreciated her message on the Hospital. She spoke at the Methodist Church to a large group, at the World Day of Prayer Service.

We were glad Bro. and Sr. Thuma gave us a service. The Zion and Bethel Congregation united in this service. May God richly bless them as they go forth to Africa.

We greatly miss Sr. Julia Zook, Bro. Aaron Wingert, Bro. C. O. Musser and Bro. Jake Gish who have gone to their heavenly home. Their places are vacant, but we are glad they have gone to their reward.

We miss Sr. Elizabeth Steckley, Sr. Amanda Musser, and Sr. Jake Landis who are absent from service on account of illness for some time.

—E. Wenger.

(Continued on page thirteen)

On The Foreign Field

MTSHABEZI HOSPITAL DEDICATED WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONY

February 12, 1951, has arrived! Today the new Mtshabezi Hospital will be opened, and soon the congestion and inadequate facilities of the old hospital quarters will be but a memory. It dawns a beautiful day, warm but not unbearably so. We have been wishing for rain, but hoping it will not rain on this day. It is clear.

His Excellency the Governor of Southern Rhodesia will perform the opening ceremony. Lady Kennedy, Government officials, and friends will be present to enjoy the occasion with us. We expect many representatives from the African Church and community, all of the missionaries from Southern Rhodesia, our two nurses from Northern Rhodesia, and representatives from sister missionary societies to share the joy of the day. For weeks Brethren Mann and Winger have been bending every effort to bring to completion the building operations on this section of the hospital. Sisters Mann and Lenhert, the African nurses, and the other Mtshabezi sisters have been giving what spare time they had to cleaning, painting, and arranging the rooms. Things are in order, the grounds are tidy, and people have gathered together for this event, the first of its kind amongst the Brethren in Christ in Rhodesia.

The Administration Building is completed, ninety feet long by thirty-five wide, built of brick and roofed with corrugated iron. The green trim around the windows and the green-painted doors and halls add to the attractiveness of the building. To the back of the Administration Building is the Laundry-Store-Kitchen building, also completed and ready for use, and the men's and women's Sanitary Units. And under construction is the Men's Ward. A little distance to the right of the hospital one might see a large water tank from which comes the water that flows from the spigots when they are opened. And if one had time to walk perhaps three-quarters of a mile further on, one would find the dam, which is the source of all this water.

We shall now think forward to the evening and speak about the happenings of the afternoon. The service was to begin at 2:30. We from Matopo started on our journey about 12:30 in order to be there in good time before the arrival of His Excellency at 2:30. We knew the Governor's car had gone through for some had seen the black car with the flag in front as it had passed Matopo Mission, and we knew also that the Governor's party were to have a picnic lunch on the way. We passed the car in a secluded spot off the road and saw that they had discovered an excellent place along our scenic Matopo-Mtshabezi road for their picnic. As we neared Mtshabezi there were African police posted along the road to guide the Governor's car. They saluted as we passed. As we approached the hospital we saw a long blue line in front of the building, and someone said, "Oh, there is a blue bus that has brought some of the people." But the "bus" was the Mtshabezi school girls in their blue uniforms lined up

for the meeting. About a thousand Africans had gathered, most of them from the Mtshabezi district, but others had come from Matopo, the outstations, and some even from the Wanezi District. The Provincial Commissioner seemed impressed with the size of the crowd.

Most of the people sat on the ground in the open space in front of the hospital, but there were benches for the missionaries and European guests. On the little entrance veranda were chairs for those who were to have a part in the service and for a few other officials. And to the side shaded by the building was another bench where Brother Climenhaga, the African ministers, and the interpreter were seated. On the platform were Brother Brubaker, the Governor and Lady Kennedy, the Provincial Commissioner and the Civil Commissioner who represented the Government, and Colonel Charles Ponsonby and wife from England and Mr. T. H. Cooke of Bulawayo representing the Beit Trust. Down in front sat two small African girls with bouquets

Continued on next page)

Thumas to Sail

Dr. Alvan Thuma and family will sail from New York for Cape Town on March 16, 1951; to England on *S. S. Franconia* and from there to Cape Town on *Edinburgh Castle*, arriving in Cape Town April 12th. Ambulance and hospital equipment will be shipped via *S. S. Clan Allan* direct from New York to Cape Town.

With this goal of a doctor on the mission field so near at hand may we unitedly pray that God will make this new realization a great blessing in the extension of His Kingdom among men.

Following is a list of projects for which offerings are being specially solicited at this time:

Furnishings for home of doctor in Africa	
Kitchen	\$ 140.00
Living room	190.00
Dining room	250.00
3 bedrooms	420.00
Bathroom	70.00
Refrigerator	282.00
12 cows for herd for doctor at \$28.00	336.00
Jeep for India, including loud speaker	\$2,800.00

—Henry N. Hostetter,
Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board



Dr. and Mrs. Alvan Thuma with their two sons Philip and Meryl.

Hospital Dedication

(Continued from previous page)

of flowers to present to Lady Kennedy and Mrs. Ponsonby. They were Angela Dube, granddaughter of Mfundisi Dube, and Linda Ncube, granddaughter of Bunu Ncube, so long foreman and missionary's helper at Mtshabezi. Nor must we forget Sisters Beth Winger and Rhoda Lenhert, with their cameras, sitting on their feet in the hot sun in order to get pictures.

In order to add to everyone's enjoyment of the service and ability to hear, the Provincial Commissioner had brought along someone to set up a loud-speaking system. The governor and his wife proved themselves the gracious people others had told us of. Though their time was limited because of the necessity of catching the evening train from Bulawayo to the Capital, they found it possible to speak to the various ones, look around the hospital, thank Henry Ncube, who had capably interpreted the Governor's and other messages, and made us feel that they had enjoyed their visit and wished to visit again some of the Brethren in Christ work.

After the Governor had unlocked the door of the hospital and declared it open, Brother Brubaker dedicated the building "to the glory of God and for the healing of the people." He charged all whose ministry will be there to remember to serve in a worthy and self-forgetful manner as Christians. If the Mtshabezi Hospital ministers only to man's physical disabilities, it will have failed in the purpose for which it was built and the end to which it was dedicated. It is perhaps significant that some of the African Christians, when hearing that we are expecting a doctor, wondered if he is a Christian doctor. Only the doctor and nurse who through their ability to heal disease and ease pain can reach the hearts of the people and point them to the Healer of the Soul will be able to serve Africa in a worthy way.

It will be remembered that the Administration Building of the Mtshabezi Hospital and other necessary buildings have been made possible by the joint help of a gift from the Beit Trust (money made available by the will of the late Alfred Beit) and the Government of Southern Rhodesia. The Government is also helping to equip the hospital by giving half the cost of equipment. We appreciate the help of the Home Church in providing the other half of the cost of equipment, and also for the ambulance and other supplies they are sending out from America.

We ask you to join with us in prayer that this hospital may indeed have been built

"To the glory of God and for the healing of the people"

as is so beautifully declared on the plaque which hangs in the corridor just outside the doctor's office.

—Elizabeth Engle

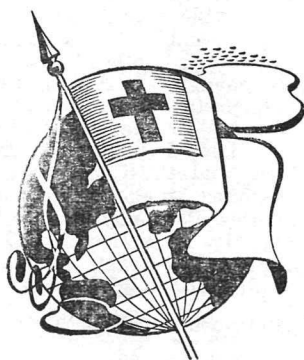
Here follow excerpts from the messages delivered on the Hospital Opening Day.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

It is a very great pleasure to my wife and me to be here today. It is a very great pleasure to take part in the ceremony of opening your fine hospital. This is our first visit to one of the Brethren in Christ

missions, but we hope very much it will not be the last, and we want especially to come and see this mission again when all these fine plans we have been hearing about have been carried out.

It is right that today we should recall the story of the Brethren in Christ Mission in Rhodesia. We remember how more than fifty years ago Bishop Engle and his wife sailed from America. We remember how they had with them Miss Davidson and Miss Heise. We remember how they went to see Cecil Rhodes in Cape Town and how they told him that they wished to start a mission in the Matopos, and how Cecil Rhodes gave them 3,000 acres of land. We remember how they started their work living in tents and in pole and dagga huts. It is a wonderful story.



Today the event we are celebrating is an outstanding step, a great milestone in the work of the Brethren in Christ in Africa. This hospital will be a blessing to the people of this district. I know what wonderful medical work has been done for many years here, but now for the first time you are to have a proper building, and for the first time you are to have all the proper medical equipment. The Government has helped you to get these things and so have the Beit Trustees.

I was very much interested and very much pleased to hear how the Africans have helped with this hospital. I know how the women came here and helped to clear the site, and I know how one of your African ministers has given twenty pounds to help the hospital. That is all very good.

Now, when we look around a place like Mtshabezi and when we see all that has been done we must feel what a blessing Christian missionaries have been to Africa. There are four kinds of men who open up unexplored country. There is the hunter; there is the trader; the gold seeker; and there is the missionary. But first of all comes the missionary. He is not the man who seeks the gold; he is not the man who hunts the elephant, nor builds the store. The first who comes is the one who brings the Word of God. So it has been in Rhodesia.

Every year we celebrate the occupation of this country we celebrate the arrival of civilization here. But do not forget that there were missionaries here seventy years

before that in Africa. When the King came here four years ago we wished to give him a present, and what did we give him? We did not give him gold; we did not give him ivory; we did not give him a kaross. But we gave him the story and diaries written by the missionaries in the early days. The King said, "Now I understand the history of this country." You here today are continuing that history, and I give you my very best wishes for the success of the fine work you are doing.

RESPONSE BY BISHOP BRUBAKER

We appreciate very much what His Excellency has said to us, and it is our wish that we may be worthy of that fine heritage which is ours and that we may come up to the good expectations of our friends in the future. It is only as we do this that we are worthy.

COLONEL CHARLES PONSONBY, A TRUSTEE OF THE BEIT TRUST

Only a week ago, just over a week, I was in England. Now it is possible to fly from England to here in a day and a half. If you look at the map, you will see what a wonderful thing it is. I am glad that by chance this visit of mine to Rhodesia has come just at the time of the opening of this hospital because, as the Bishop has said, I am one of those who represent all that money which Mr. Beit left many years ago.

Forty-five years is a very long time. About forty-five years ago this Mission came to this place here. About forty-five years ago this great man Mr. Beit died, and with his love of friends and his love of Rhodesia he left over a million pounds for the good of the people of Rhodesia.

And all this same time, this forty-five years, this Mission with the help of God and the devoted care of those who have directed it and those who have taught in the schools has been working for the improvement in health, in mind, and in education, and in every other way for the help of the people of this district.

So, it is like two streams going along side by side—the Beit money in this stream doing what it could for the help of the people in Rhodesia, and the Mission in this stream doing what it can, as I said with the help of God and the devotion of those who directed it, for the benefit of the people of this part of the country. But just like two streams meeting, so in this case the Beit money has met the Mission. And that is why I am very pleased to be here today.

But there is one sad side to today. As the Bishop said to you, he is going back to America. After twenty-eight-and-a-half years here he will miss all of you, but I am sure that he will look back with very happy memories to all the improvements which he has helped to introduce over all these years. He will also remember with pleasure that almost his last act has been to take a part in the opening of this new hospital.

As a stranger from England I do wish all of you the best of luck. I hope that not many of you will have to go to the hospital, but if you do you will feel that you are going to be well looked after, that you will be well soon and able to do what everybody wants to do—work for the good of the Mission and of their fellow countrymen.

(Continued next column)

WORDS FROM BISHOP H. H. BRUBAKER

I would like to describe the present layout and give a brief outline of the plans for the future. The crowded conditions of the outgrown present hospital near the mission station have made it imperative that the move to this site be made without delay. It is, therefore, planned to use some of the rooms of the Administration Building, which is being opened today, for wards and purposes other than their permanent use will be. The kitchen, laundry and store-room building is completed.

As to the future, the building you will see under construction behind the Administration Building will house the men's wards. This building, inclusive of the Sanitary Block, is 67 by 35 feet. Immediately behind the main entrance of the Administrative Building and between the male and female wards provision is being made for a chapel. Permanent staff quarters for the European and African nursing staff will replace the temporary arrangements now made.

We do not feel that any apology is necessary for the participation of the Christian Church in medical work, but if some would question the advisability of such participation we would answer in these words, "It is the way the Master trod; should not His servants tread it still?" Of our Master it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of the sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." The complete message of the Gospel contains the ministry of healing for the physically sick as well as for the spiritually sick. It is to this most needy and worthy cause that we would humbly seek to bring our contribution.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION BY OVERSEER N. DUBE

(Translated from the Sindebele)

Your Excellency, Lady Kennedy, Government officials, missionaries, chiefs, and assembly:

This is the first day at Mtshabezi, or I might say in our Church, that we have such a meeting, and it may be the last. We are very glad to see what we see today. To us all today it is evident that our English Government is the government that knows the God of Heaven. Also it is the government of all kinds of people. This hospital of ours is for the black people, but it will be opened by our Governor.

We are people who had our own doctors; we wore charms around our necks. Those were our bottles of medicine. We were blind, but there was no one to anoint our eyes, but today we see because there are those who help us. We cried, but there was no one to hear us. There was planted a small tree here at Mtshabezi; today it has grown to be this big one which you see and which is being opened by our Governor. Today it is indeed a large tree. Many see that it has grown. We thank Nkosazana who has planted this tree. "Do not be tired tomorrow." (This expression means, "We thank you very much and trust you will continue in this helpful way.")

We pray for grace and the blessings of Heaven upon our government and this great hospital. Especially do we give thanks for the inheritance of Alfred Beit. Also we thank the Government for the hand which they put to this work. And we

thank also our Church overseas and here, and those who have built this hospital. It is a beautiful work which you have done.

Good-bye, our Governor. May the Lord bless you in your travel.

—Reported by Elizabeth Engle

In The Homeland

(Continued from page ten)

Palmyra, Penna.

The basis for our meditation the first prayer meeting of the New year was the very short one hundred thirty-third psalm read and discussed by Elder Simon Bohen.

Jan. seventh we were privileged to have Dr. and Sister Alvan Thuma and their two sons with us in the evening service. Both Dr. and Sister Thuma told of their past experiences and gave us a vision of their planned future work in Africa. Preceding the church service, the Christian workers had planned their program around the theme of "The Good Shepherd". There was special music by a mixed quartet—a poem "He Leadeth Me" by Ilda Risser and Sr. Catherine Hoffman discussed the topic.



January tenth the missionary prayer circle met with the prayer meeting group in the church. Bro. Edward Hackman read the Scripture and following the opening prayer, Sister Esther Bohen read the list of prayer requests. These written requests were given to everyone present and two periods of prayer followed.

Shenks and Palmyra members met the eleventh for the spring congregational Council. Elder John Martin read from the Scriptures the twelfth chapter of Romans and lead in opening prayer. Bishop Titus Books had charge of the business session.

January fourteenth Bishop and Sister Titus Books were present for Sunday School and Bishop Books preached the morning sermon using the twelfth verse of the third chapter of Philippians for the text "That I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Jesus Christ."

January seventeenth Elder Simon Bohen started a series of Indoctrination periods

of study during the prayer meeting evenings.

"Personal Evangelism" was the theme of three Sunday evening Christian workers hour services. On the fourth of February the young people's class discussed the topics on the weapons needed for personal evangelism. Ilda Risser, Esther Heller, Mary E. Funk, Roy Gingerich Jr. and Edward Hackman discussed the need for Bible knowledge and prayer. Elder Harvey Ebersole preached the sermon from the sixth chapter of Ephesians "God's will."

February eleventh the Grantham Male Chorus rendered an evening program.

February 18 Elder Harvey Light preached from the text Matthew eleven, verse twenty-five. His theme was "And learn of me."

Sr. Frances Landis gave a very interesting flannelgraph lesson to the Sunday school children. In keeping with the season she used cherry trees and cherries to impress upon the children the need of truth.

The King's Daughters had as a guest speaker at their March meeting Sr. Anna Kettering. Members of the classes surprised Sr. Kettering with a shower of personal gifts and needed items for her mission work which she plans to undertake as soon as possible in Africa.

—Mrs Harry S. Lehman.

Waukena Community Church, Waukena, California.

Our Bible Fellowship on the 9th and 10th of December was a real blessing to this place. The topics centering around the theme, "Men of the Bible", were powerful messages given by Bro. Amos Buckwalter, and Pete Willms from Upland, and Rev. Waldo Wiebe from the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church. We were inspired to be more active and faithful in our Christian lives.

The Christmas Program given by the Sunday School children and young people was exceptionally well attended. We pray that the people who again heard the simple story of Christ's birth and of God's great gift to the world may not soon forget the message.

The work of the Sunday School has been progressing and the attendance this winter has been very good. We continue to pray that more of our Sunday School boys and girls, as well as, adults may learn to know and love Jesus as their Saviour. Our hearts were made happy recently to see some fathers of our children accompany their families to Sunday School.

We have felt that God is working here, yet we continue to pray for a real revival in our midst. Will you join us in prayer for the needs of our Church and community?

—Beulah M. Charles.

Carland, Michigan

"In all labor there is profit." Pro. 14:23a. Our pastor, Bro. Clinton Starr brought us a message from this text the last Sunday of 1950. We are so happy that we feel that this is true of our labor here at Carland. One of the outstanding rewards of our labors was the winning of first place in Group C of the Forward of first place in Group C of the Forward Contest. Our Sunday School attendance is now about double what it was a year ago. Will you pray with us that the seed being sown will bring forth much fruit?

This year our program committee planned a full evening Christmas program. This was the first time our church had ever pre-

sented an evening service of this nature. Needless to say it meant many hours of hard work and preparation, but we feel that our labors were well rewarded, in that we had a full church and received many complimentary remarks. With this encouragement, we are now looking forward to a special Easter service.

On the first Thursday of January, we presented a broadcast from the W M P C Radio Station of Lapeer, Michigan. Inasmuch as the radio station is about 60 miles away, we had the service recorded locally on a tape recorder, thereby making it possible for more to participate.

This winter we are again having Cottage Prayer Meetings in the homes of the community. We are pleased for the opportunities and new contacts this medium of service affords.

On the morning of January 17, we were saddened with the news of the death of our deacon's wife, Sr. Edwin Green. Her funeral was held in the Church Sat., January 20 with many friends and relatives in attendance. Our pastor spoke from the text, "And when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore." John 20: 4. Sr. Green shall be missed by the church and her many friends, but the memory of her Godly life shall always be held in high esteem.

In viewing the events of the past months, truly we can say that we have sensed the guidance and blessing of God in all our labors; realizing, however, the growth and progress we have made has not been in our own strength but by the help of the Lord.

—Phyllis E. Starr.

Bethel, Kansas

A watchnight service was held on Sunday evening Dec. 31. Sr. Martha Kauffman, returned missionary from Africa gave us a very interesting and inspiring message on "How we observe Christmas in Africa."

On Sunday morning January 28 our Bishop gave us a very timely message concerning our responsibility as parents. Following the message was a very impressive Dedication Service for children. There were seven parents who went forward with their children to dedicate them to the Lord. There were eleven children. We pray God's richest blessing on each of these children and trust they many early in life give their hearts to the Lord.

The interest has been good this winter in the various services. Especially the prayer meetings have been encouraging.

—Mrs. Hershey Gramm

Sippo Valley Congregation, Massillon, Ohio

In the forepart of November our congregation voted in Bro. Jacob Glick as pastor to take the place of Bro. Myers, who has resigned from this responsibility due to his age. However, Bro. Myers still does some preaching.

From November 12-26 we had a very interesting and spiritual revival meeting with Rev. Edgar Giles of Knifley, Ky. as our evangelist. Many souls received help and blessings, for which we are very thankful to our Heavenly Father.

We are also beginning our New Year with services every Sunday evening, which we did not have prior to this year.

We have the mid-week prayer meeting as usual, which is usually well attended.

The Sippo Quintette has been another great asset to our church.



Readers of the Visitor:

During our recent bereavement many of you have sent messages of sympathy which have been a comfort to us. We know that many prayers have been offered on our behalf and we sincerely thank you.

Even in this time of trouble our God has been good to us. We have been conscious of His presence and guidance.

We are grateful to all those who were a help to us while we were in Pennsylvania. Bro. and Sr. D. H. Martin opened their home to us just prior to and at the time of the funeral. Members of the Foreign Mission Board and their wives stood by us and we want to express our appreciation.

As we reached our home town in Upland, California, many and varied were the kind deeds which friends showered upon us. May their deeds of love be rewarded.

I trust that the passing of my dear husband will be the means of helping some to answer the call of God to the needy field of Africa.

—Ethelda Eyer and family.

Since last summer, we as a church have held monthly meetings at the Wooster County Jail, the third Wednesday evening of the month. We give to them singing, testimonies, and preaching. These meetings have been very thrilling because of the interest shown by those in jail, by joining in song, worship, and requesting prayer, and the shedding of tears.

We had our council meeting on Wednesday evening Feb. 7, 1951.

—Robert L. Wengerd.

Cedar Grove Congregation, Mifflintown, Pa.

Feb. 10. First Youth Fellowship meeting was held, sponsored by the three churches of the district, viz: Granville, Cedar Grove and Free Grace. There was an organization and also the following persons participated: Eld. Bruce Grove, Bro. Orville Heister and Sr. Alice Romberger. The meeting shall be held quarterly at one of the three churches.

Feb. 11. Eld. Samuel Oldham brought the morning message from the forepart of the 15 chap. of St. John.

Feb. 22. We laid away our aged sister Goodling who has been in ill health for several years.

Feb. 25. Bishop Jacob Bowers and family were with us in the morning service. He preached from 1 Pet. 3:15. A number of our group were in attendance at Grantham Bible Conference. They report good meetings. Our Sunday evening meetings are now devoted to the studies on indoctrination, instead of the Y. P. Bible Study topics we had previously studied. We need your prayers. God still hears and answers prayer.

—Ella M. Lauver.

Only One Thing

(Continued from page four)

enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," and if you want to receive the promised reward, the diadem or the crown, you had better begin at once to do what you can to publish His gospel among all nations. Otherwise you will be a missing Christian in the day of rewards.

Go then and do your part. Either go yourself or send someone else. There is something that you can do, and the time is short. It was the whole estate that had to be cultivated, and it is the whole world that must be evangelized. "Go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." For remember, "The gospel must first be published among all nations, and then shall the end come."

—The Alliance Weekly

The clean vessel God uses; the surrendered instrument God employs; the believing soul God honors. If your life is low and indifferent and unlike the life of Christ, and if your possession of God is partial and interrupted in its consciousness, and if your service is weak and paralyzed and nerveless, it is because you are not filled with the Spirit of God. —C. Campbell Morgan.

Pennsylvania State Council

The Pennsylvania State Council will convene at Grantham on April 4 and 5. Inspirational programs will be given on Wednesday, beginning at 1:30 P. M. by the State Sunday School Board, by Messiah College and by the State Home Mission Board.

The business sessions of the Council will begin Thursday at 9:00 A. M.

Programs of the Sunday School, of Messiah College, and of the State Mission Board appear below.

Joel E. Carlson, State Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 4, 1951

1:30 Devotions

1:45 "A Half Century of Sunday School Work in Pennsylvania"

John P. Heisey,
Millersville, Pa.

Message in Song

Messiah College Quartet

2:15 "The Sunday School's Opportunity in the Light of Present Day Trends"

Bishop Samuel F. Wolgemuth
Waynesboro, Pa.

2:55 Congregational Song

MESSIAH COLLEGE PROGRAM

3:00—4:00 P. M.

Eld. B. E. Thuma, Chairman

"Building to Serve"

The Gospel in Song Royce Saltzman
 Scripture and Prayer
 Education Dramatized
 Music Male Chorus

Address "Building To Serve"

Rev. R. H. Wenger

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD PROGRAM

Theme: "THE CHURCH"

6:45 Song Service

7:00 Devotions

Special Singing College Quartet

7:15 "Occupying" Elder John A. Byers

Reading Naomi Wingert

"Experience in Tent Work"

Lester Shelley

Special Singing College Quartet

Offering

8:20 "On the Defensive and Offensive"

Bishop Henry N. Hostetter

Obituaries

(Continued from page nine)

As a wife and Mother she was kind and considerate, and untiring in her efforts to help her family, and add to their comfort. She will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 20, 1951, 2:00 p.m., at the Carland Brethren in Christ Church. Elder Clinton Starr was in charge, assisted by Bishop Henry Schneider. Text: St. John 20:4a, "When the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore." Interment took place in the Fairfield cemetery.

Sollenberger — Mary S. Brechbill Sollenberger, wife of Harvey S. Sollenberger of Chambersburg, Pa., was born in Franklin Co., Pa., April 26, 1876, and fell asleep in Jesus at the Chambersburg Hospital, February 9, 1951, following an illness of one week. She was aged 74 years, 9 months, and 17 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Henry H. and Catherine S. Brechbill.

Surviving are her husband and three daughters: Mrs. Merle L. Wingert and Mrs. Alfred B. Burkholder of near Chambersburg and Miss Ruth E. Sollenberger at home; a foster son, Paul K. Lytle also of Chambersburg; five grandchildren; one brother, Isaac S. Brechbill; two sisters, Mrs. Leah S. Cauffman and Miss Catherine S. Brechbill all of near Chambersburg.

She was converted at the age of 14 years and united with the Brethren in Christ Church of which she remained a consistent member until death. Brother and Sister Sollenberger were ordained to the office of deacon in the year 1925, and as long as she was physically able, Sister Sollenberger served her place faithfully in the home and in the Church. She always expressed a warm testimony so frequently characterized by this statement, "I am glad for the work of Grace He has wrought in my heart." She was a kind and loving mother and always manifested a devoted and patient spirit to all. Our loss is her eternal gain.

A brief funeral service was held at the Gillan funeral home with further services at the New Guilford Brethren in Christ Church with a large host of friends and relatives present, February 11, 1951. Services were conducted by Elder John A. Byers, assisted by Bishop Laban W. Wingert and Elder Charles W. Rife. Text: II Timothy 4:6-9. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery.

Christian Schools

(Continued from page six)

Second, *With this spirit of consecration should be united the most efficient methods.* The best modes of teaching should be adopted.

But there should be more than this. All this may be found in the secular schools of the day. The best system should be adopted for securing the result especially aimed at in the establishing of Christian schools. This is not to furnish an easy and remunerative employment to teachers. It is not to afford the most delightful way to spend their youth to thoughtless, careless boys and girls, fond of fun and frolic. It is to train these boys and girls up for usefulness and happiness here, and for a glorious immortality hereafter. It is to accustom their minds to profitable thought and investigation; to teach them how to study, to aid them in acquiring a complete mastery over themselves, to imbue them thoroughly with Christian principles, and make them accustomed to Christian practices; in short, to do all that can be done to help them to become intelligent, educated, consistent, efficient Christians.

* * *

The future of the cause of God will be greatly affected by the training of the rising generation. Let us do all we can to have them trained up aright. Let parents count it, as it really is, of greater value *to get wisdom than gold!* And to get Christian education than it would be to give him a farm. *"How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!"* (Prov. 16:16).

—The Free Methodist

The Upward Look

(Continued from page five)

boundary lines. Stations such as HCJB in South America, God is using to herald the message to the four-corners of the world. We are told they have replies from Moscow—the very center of communism!

Surrounding the day of the Lord Jesus Christ will be these events:

THE RAPTURE

The fourth chapter of I Thess. reveals the truth about the rapture. It will be the moment when the saints are "caught up to meet the Lord in the air." The last the world saw of Jesus was on the cross. His next appearance to the world will be when he places his feet on the Mt. of Olives, and they shall look on Him whom they have pierced. The last the disciples saw Jesus was when he ascended from the Mt. of Olives. The next time the saints see our

Christ and Lord will be at "the meeting in the air." The incident of the rapture will be the event that will ascertain with certainty, the end is at hand.

If Dr. Martin Anstey's chronology of time is correct we are living in the year 5993, according to the Jewish Calendar of reckoning time. If the seventh one-thousand-year period is to be the Millennium, we are indeed living in days of tremendous significance. In these days of communistic aggression, with men's hearts failing them in looking after those things that are coming on the earth, the Christian looks with renewed anticipation to the coming of our Christ and Lord. Young men, let us keep ourselves "unspotted from the world."

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

We are told in the fifth chapter of I Corinthians that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that every man may receive of the deeds done in the body whether they be good or evil. This is a judgment not to determine whether one is saved or not but a time of revelation as to the type of a Christian we have been. Our works will be made manifest as to what type they are.

Then it will be revealed whether we love position more than the cause it represents. Doubtless to some who have loved the pre-eminence it will be a day of disappointment. Many hidden away Christians will then be rewarded for their service—much of which has gone unnoticed in life. That which has been done in the name of the Lord and truly for His glory will gleam with the radiance of pure gold.

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God." Rev. 19:7-9.

In Isaiah 53 we are told: "He shall look upon the travail of his soul and be satisfied." What a moment of blessing and fellowship is yet to come for the faithful in Christ Jesus!

While these marvelous events are taking place between Christ and the Church, the earth will be a seething pot of confusion and trouble. Satan knowing that his time is short will unleash his fury and force. Troubles such as men have never known will be experienced.

Complete deliverance for all of creation depends on the Upward Look—when the Prince of Peace will return in majesty and set up His Kingdom.

Even so come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

A Children's Home in Germany

A "Spaziergang" with 50 children

It is quite an experience to go for a walk with fifty children. Our children line up two by two and are very orderly, stopping at each corner until the kindergarten gives permission to go ahead. As they walk along, chattering softly about the things they see along the way, many people peer out windows and doorways. There were even two dogs sitting on their haunches side by side watching the children go by. People on the streets are very interested in the large group of children. They make a fine appearance in the beautiful coats, caps, and mittens which have come from America. From a distance a mother of one of the local children follows, proud to see her son in such nice clothes. Every day she comes into the hof and peeks through a window when the children drink milk. She says they do not have such nice clothes, such good food, and such a nice home.

Then we come to the beautiful Kurpark. Here we stop while the children receive instruction that they must not speak or they cannot go through the park (it is for the wealthy who can afford to stay at the adjoining hotel). It is hard to believe, but the children walk through very quietly, not saying one word. Some mischievous little boys push, but no one utters a sound. Of course, hair ribbons become untied, shoestrings drag, mittens won't stay on, and several minor casualties occur. It is time now to return to the Kinderheim for Sunday School. Each child looks forward to that event so he is not too reluctant to go into the house.

The homes from which our children come

Visiting in the homes of each child before he comes to us is always interesting. One wonders at each address what will be behind the door this time. The memory of one home in particular I can't forget. We inquired many times before we found the right street in a certain large city in the Pfalz (Palatinate). Then we went through several gates and at last found the hovel where nine-year old Horst lived. I wondered whether the door could be closed because the kitchen was so crowded with the mother and us two MCC workers. It did close but I noticed that it didn't fit too well and there was a wide crack at the bottom.

In the kitchen was a small cookstove, a small gas stove, a very small table, a chair, and a stool. There was one tiny window in one wall. The ceiling was very low and almost touched our heads. In winter the dishes were stored in the oven of the gas stove and in summer in the cookstove. The silver was kept in a small drawer in the table. I don't know where

the food was kept. There was no cupboard.

There was one other room. It was a tiny, crowded bedroom with two single beds and a wardrobe. Four people slept there. The mother had known much better days. She said that nearly every evening the family quarreled because they were always in each other's way. Horst is very happy now in our kinderheim where he has his own bed, plenty to eat, and much room. It will be hard to see him go back to his own home again.



Sister Dorothy Witter at the door of the "Kinderheim" in Germany.

Coal is very scarce

The coal shortage in Germany this winter has been very acute. Here at the kinderheim we had our cellars filled last August and September. When December came, the next promised delivery had not come because there was none to be had. While the children were gone over Christmas, we got along with fire in one stove and didn't heat the other rooms. Hospitals and kinderheims were on the priority list and we had appealed but to no avail. At last the day came when there was coal for only one day. Then the Stadthaus loaned us one load. But soon that was gone. What should we do next? The next day the truck came with the promised delivery and continued coming until we had our amount needed until spring. The German personnel were almost beside themselves with joy. We were very grateful that our prayers had been answered. But what

about the many who had no coal and had had none all winter?

In my English Class

In my advanced English group I suggested that for discussion each one would tell what he would do if he were given four thousand marks (one thousand dollars). One wanted to prepare as a Christian worker among her own people. Another wanted to give her mother the things she had lost during the war and help her brother complete his education. Still another wanted to open a Kindergarten. I wondered how the answers would compare with a similar group of Americans.

—Dorothy Witter.

(Dorothy Witter is instructor of music at Upland College on leave of absence to help in the relief program of the Mennonite Central Committee. She is assisting in the MCC children's home in Bad Dürkheim, Germany)

News Notes

Chaco Crops Are Good

A report from C. J. Dyck, MCC director in Paraguay, states that this year the crop conditions in the Mennonite colonies, especially in the Chaco, are quite favorable. The kafir harvest is in progress and while not as abundant as last year, is giving a good average yield. The beans also yielded well and the colonies were able to sell them to quite good advantage. The cotton crop, which represents the staple source of income for the Chaco, looks very promising, and barring heavy rains and other unforeseen events, should be much better even than last year.

There may be some problems in harvesting these crops. Usually Indians of the area are hired to help with harvest. With the increased number of settlers in recent years, there are not enough Indian workers available to fully meet the labor demand.

Crop conditions are significant among these Mennonite colonies where the margin of living is rather close. The quality of a harvest determines rather directly how long and difficult will be their struggle for becoming established.

Voluntary Service Notes

Three nurses are needed in the hospital unit in Mexico, where service reaches Mennonites and Mexicans. Low German or Spanish language ability is helpful but not essential.

Additional members can be accepted for the summer tour and work camp program in Europe, sponsored by the Mennonite and Affiliated Colleges. Students and others in this group will spend five weeks visiting places of interest in Europe, then four weeks in a service project in Germany. Members provide their own finances, estimated at \$750. Apply to Voluntary Service, MCC, Akron, Pa.

Mifflintown, Penna.
Route 2
June A. Lauer